

REMARKS

CLAIM STATUS

Prior to this response, claims 1-23 were pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 13-17, and 21 have been canceled. Claims 6, 7, 11, 18, 22, and 23 have been amended. Therefore, after this amendment, claims 6-7, 11-12, 18-20, and 22-23 are pending in this application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner noted that claims 6-7, 11-12, 18-20, and 22 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 6 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 1 and intervening claim 4 placing the limitations of claim 6 in independent form. Claim 6 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 1 placing the limitations of claim 7 in independent form. Claim 7 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 8 and intervening claims 9 and 10 placing the limitations of claim 11 in independent form. Claim 11 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 12 depends from claim 11 and is in condition for allowance for at least this reason.

Claim 18 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 16 and intervening claim 17 placing the limitations of claim 18 in independent form. Claim 18 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 19 and 20 depend from claim 18 and are in condition for allowance for at least this reason.

Claim 22 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 16 placing the limitations of claim 22 in independent form. Claim 22 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 23 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 16 placing the limitations of claim 23 in independent form. Claim 23 is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic

interview would expedite the allowance of this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned for prompt resolution of any outstanding issues.

The fee of \$245.00 for a two-month extension of time is being submitted with this paper. It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to affect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to affect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our file 21799-200447

Respectfully submitted,

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